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**National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)
Announces 2007 Aging Innovations and Achievement Award
Recipients**

**Innovative & Successful Programs that Meet the Needs of
America's Growing Population Unveiled**

Washington, D.C. – the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) announced the recipients of the 2007 n4a Aging Innovations and Achievement Awards last week at its 32nd Annual Conference in San Francisco. This awards program recognizes and showcases innovative and successful aging programs that serve older adults and caregivers in local communities across the country. The Aging Achievement Awards showcase outstanding programs in key service areas, and the Aging Innovation Awards honor the most innovative programs nominated.

“These awards-winning programs address the needs of a growing and diverse older population and serve as models for other agencies to help them meet the needs of the older adults in their communities,” said Mayor Dixon. “As part of my commitment to improving the quality of life for all of our citizens in the City, I am proud to announce that our very own Baltimore City Commission on Aging and Retirement Education (CARE) is the recipient of an unprecedented three National Aging Innovations and Achievement Awards in the following areas:”

- Aging Innovation Awards (highest honor);
 - Home and Community –Based Category
“Changes in Attitudes: Changes in Behavior”
- Aging Achievement Awards
 - Community Planning Category
“Blueprint for an Aging-Friendly Baltimore City”

- Emergency Responses Category
“Baltimore City’s Senior Citizens Emergency Response Network (SERN)

“The Baltimore City Commission on Aging and Retirement Education (CARE) and Area Agencies on Aging throughout Maryland serve as the local leaders of aging advocacy, programs and services and make a tremendous difference in life of our older adults, their family members and caregivers throughout Baltimore and the State of Maryland,” said John P. Stewart, Executive Director, CARE “Based on strong support from Mayor Dixon, the Baltimore City Council, and our CARE Commissioners, CARE has stepped-up to the plate to create new, innovative solutions to meet the needs of Baltimore’s aging and diverse population, and these unprecedented national aging awards clarify demonstrate we are moving forward and managing change in Baltimore.” I want to thank and congratulate our dedicated and hard-working staff at CARE for this great achievement and for their commitment to improving the quality of life for all of our older adults, their family members and caregivers in the City.

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